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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS

N NORTH WEST CAPE

DURING VISIT TO DELHI

1. SET FORTH BELOW ARE REMARKS BY AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM AT A JUNE 6 PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US REGARDING THE NORTH WEST CAPE INSTALLATION. WHITLAM ALSO COMMENTED AT GREAT LENGTH ON ASIAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SAYING SEATO IS MORIBUND AND " DULLES, WE HOPE, IS DEAD." WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF IS PRESS CONFERENCE TRANSCRIPT TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA AND TO EA/ ANZ A REPORT ON WHITLAM' S JUNE 3-6 VISIT TO INDIA WILL BE SENT BY SEPTTEL.

2. IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL WHITLAM SAID: " NOW IT' S TRUE THAT THERE ARE SOME MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN AUSTRALIA UNDER AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS ONE PARTICULAR ONE AT NORTH WEST CAPE IN AUSTRALIA, WHOSE TITLE DESCRIBES WHERE IT IS... THE INSTALLA-
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TION AT NORTH WEST CAPE OPERATES UNDER AN AGREEMENT WHICH WAS MADE
10 YEARS AGO FOR A SPACE OF 25 YEARS IF THERE IS A TREATY THAT EX-
TENDS UNTIL 1988. OUR MINISTER FOR DEFENCE IS PROPOSING LATER THIS
YEAR TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES TO SEEK MODIFICATIONS
THAT TREATY,
BOTH AS TO THE DURATION OF IT, AND ALSO AS O THE SCOPE AVAILABLE
TO AUSTRALIA UNDER THE TREATY, TO ASCERTAIN AND APPROVE THE USE OF IT."

3. ASKED WHETHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WERE ALREADY
IN PROGRESS, WHITLAM SAID " THEY HAVE BEEN INITIATED HROUGH
AMERICA' S AND AUSTRALIA' S DIPLOMTIC REPRESENTATIVES IN THEIR RESPEC-
TIVE CAPTIALS, BUT THERE WILL BE NO NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL LATER IN THE
YEAR. I THINK I SHOULD SAY THAT THE AGREEMENT WHICH WAS MADE IN
1963 WAS ONE WHICH AMERICA WOULD NOT EXPECT ANY COUNTRY NOW TO
UNDERTAKE AND WHICH, I AM CERTAIN, NO COUNTRY NOW WOULD UNDER-
TAKE. BUT IS IS THERE UNTIL 1988. ITS CONIDTIONS ARE NOT SATISFACTORY
IN THE PRESENT CLIMATE OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION. I DON' T WANT TO
PURSUE MATTERS CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA WHEN
I AM OUTSIDE MY OWN COUNTRY. I DONT WANT TO GO INTO ANY FURTHER
DETAIL ON THIS SUBJECT."

4. COMMENT: WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THIS IS THE SORT
OF THING WHITLAM HAS GENERALLY BEEN SAYING AS HE WANDERS AROUND.
ALTHOUGH HE PULLED HIMSELF UP SHORT IN THE END, WE WERE RATHER
SURPRISED THAT HE ENTERED INTO THIS KIND OF AN EXCHANGE HERE.
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